

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 880

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the management and employees of Jamison Bedding on the occasion of its 125th anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pride in recognizing those estimable businesses in Tennessee that have served their clientele for generations by establishing a tradition of quality service, genuine concern for their customers, and a commitment to their community; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary business is Jamison Bedding of Nashville, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary of meeting, and even exceeding the needs, of its customers in the bedding supply business; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding company's anniversary honors a history in which this independent, family-run business has developed into one of the finest quality bedding manufacturers in the country; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1883 in Nashville, Jamison Bedding has relied on expert craftsmanship and state-of-the-art manufacturing methods to produce quality mattresses and box springs throughout its illustrious 125 year history; and

WHEREAS, under current President Frank Gorrell's astute leadership, Jamison Bedding's legacy continues to grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gorrell credits the company's tremendous success with a dedicated staff and family members who provide the outstanding service that their customers have come to expect and appreciate; and

WHEREAS, boasting over 400 retailers throughout the Southeast and commercial partnerships with such esteemed businesses as Intercontinental Hotels, Choice Hotels, and a

40-year relationship with Marriott, Jamison Bedding is one of the largest bedding suppliers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, based on the principles of quality craftsmanship, customer service, and family involvement, Jamison Bedding adheres strictly to its philosophy to strive to be the best, not the biggest; and

WHEREAS, the company achieves this ambition by forgoing national advertisement in order to allocate more funds to providing the highest quality products possible; and

WHEREAS, the future for Jamison Bedding remains bright, as the company prepares for more years as an innovative and customer-oriented bedding manufacturer and supplier; and

WHEREAS, as its management and employees celebrate the company's 125th anniversary, Jamison Bedding continues to play an integral role in the economic lives of its employees, the City of Nashville, and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we pause to recognize such a wonderful multi-generational family business, a business in which customer service has meant a great deal more than simply the exchange of goods and services, for 125 years; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jamison Bedding on its 125th anniversary and formally recognize its management and employees, who have provided quality service for the past 125 years in a caring, compassionate, and courteous manner to the good people of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.